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Serapias, or Salep,

IMPORTED FROM

TURKEY.

SHEWING

Its Admirable VIRTUES

In Preventing

Womens Miscarriages.

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 Dropsy of the stomach (41)
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 Dropsy of the pancreas (53)
 Dropsy of the kidneys (57)
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 Dropsy of the cervix (77)

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In a LETTER, &c.

SIR,

I Perceive by your Letter, that your Lady is subject to frequent Miscarriages, and finds her Health very much impaired thereby. I greatly compassionate your Con-

dition, because it occasions Melancholly Thoughts, to consider that you are not like to survive in your Posterity, Virtuous Children being the Best Monuments to preserve our Names to future Ages. I'll therefore give you the Best advice I can: And I think I am obliged to communicate what I know, for the Good of Mankind: Therefore, I pray take Notice, that the Root above named hath done great Service in preventing Womens Miscarriages, whereof I could give many Examples. I observe, that our yearly Bills of Mortality give an account of many Hundreds of Children that are lost in a year by Abortion; besides the great Danger that many Women are exposed unto upon that account.

I know there are many Causes of Abortion, but let it proceed from Wind, or Weakness, or sharp Humours, or any of those usual Causes, which are well known to Women, yet this Root affords Help in them all; but it neither purges, vomits, nor sweats, but performs its Operation only by Corroborating

rating Nature, and mending the Soyl, that it may be rendred fit to bear Fruit, and to preserve it untill it's ripe.

There are very few Gentlewomen who have had Children, but to their sorrow understand, that one Miscarriage doth impair Nature, and injures their Health, more than several Natural compleat Births.

This Root not only prevents the Womans Coming before her time, but also gives a safe, speedy and Easie Delivery when Natures Time is accomplit. I have told this Remedy unto divers Midwives, and they familiarly recommend it to their Women, and by this means we have very few Miscarriages, or very rarely need the help of Mans hands to bring the Child into the World: our Wives are like the Hebrew Women we read of, speedily delivered.

I could tell you of a Citizens Wife, who had miscarried of five Children, and almost brought to Deaths door with every one.
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We gave her Broaths and Caudles made with this Root beaten to powder, and she went out her Time, and is now bravely brought to Bed of a lusty Lad, like to live to do his King and Countrey good Service.

Another Gentlewoman, a Justice of the Peace his Wife, who had miscarried Eleven times, and spent many Pounds upon Advice in order to prevention, but all in vain, at length she was Recommended to the Drops drawn out of this Root, which she drank three times a day in Tent, or what Liquor she pleased; and although she had many Frights, yet they made no Impression upon her, she went out her time, and had a Good Delivery, and enjoys an Heir to the Family.

An Eminent Midwife told me, she had recommended this Root to a Gentlewoman who had been Married Nine years, and had never been with Child; she made Caudles

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Caudles with it, which she drank every Morning one Month, and proved with Child, to the Great Joy of her Husband.

Some Authors say, 'twas the Flowers that Grew upon this Root, were the Mandrakes of *Leah* we read of, because they had the resemblance of a Man.

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